

absorption of prepositions: examples - academic/usage/absorption/absorption.exx.doc - 1/29/07

1. ...who's going in a direction that we feel the field is going.
(Laura Staum, Linguistics department meeting, 3/15/04)
2. ...9/11, when groupthink became the official substitute for patriotism, and we began running out of surfaces for affixing American flags.
(Barbara Ehrenreich, "All Together Now", NYT op-ed piece, 7/15/04, p. A23)

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An alternative strategy is to not tie any knots at all but to just leave out any prepositions that might be clause final or doubled because one of them is clause final, as in this delightful example: "One of the properties of Unicode is that the character values are in the order a native speaker would normally type them, which is not necessarily the order they may appear in the final rendering."

4. It's very important what direction that the national parks are going.
(caller to NPR *Science Friday*, 9/3/04; also a wh+that ex., of course)
5. They can compete on a scale that no one else can compete.
(interviewee re Wal-Mart, NPR *Morning Edition*, 11/17/04)
6. In case people are not aware, we will be opening a LGBT Center in the Frist Campus Center beginning this fall (it is comparable and will be near the Women's Center and International Center).
(Debbie Bazarsky, on Princeton pride-net, 4/11/05)
7. But there are two places on television that you will frequently hear authentic Michigan accents, says Seattle resident Weaver: The cable channel Court TV or the TV show Cops.
(see francez.doc)
8. In short, [Crawford, Texas] was, as advertised, a nice place with small-town charm that has really hot weather. Not the place I would guess historic meetings would be held, but hey, it's not my home.
(see francez.doc)
9. This is hard territory to mount a rescue.
(BBC reporter, NPR *Saturday Morning Edition*, 10/8/05, about the scene of earthquakes in Pakistan)
10. We have patients that we have to change their diapers.
(M.D. interviewed on NPR *Morning Edition*, 10/11/05)

11. ... take a variable that we already know the behavior.
(Laura Staum NWAV presentation, 10/21/05)